

MoDOT Minute – Jan. 20, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Missouri has reduced the number of fatalities on its highways for the fourth year in a row. Currently, the number stands at 871 traffic deaths in 2009 - almost 100 less than in 2008 and the lowest number since 1950. A combination of law enforcement, education, emergency medical services and engineering enhancements are credited with saving lives.

Amtrak ridership was up 16 percent in December when compared to the year before. The increase is likely due to improvements in on-time performance. In December, Amtrak trains arrived at their destinations on time 93 percent of the time.

The Missouri Foundation for Bicycling and Walking recently secured a grant to create a Missouri Safe Routes to School Network. The network will work to increase physical activity among students by removing barriers to walking and biking to school.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to check back every Tuesday for new information.